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## \*HIGHLIGHTS WILL NEXT BE UPDATED MONDAY, MAY 19\*

### FIREWISE EVENTS AND TIPS

Governor Palin encourages you to be aware of wildland fire prevention practices and preparedness measures for your own safety. The State of Alaska Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week ends May 18. This weekend, take the time to evaluate your home and property's risk from wildland fire. Visit the FireWise Alaska brochure for guidelines: <a href="http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/organization/mgmtplan/firewise.php">http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/organization/mgmtplan/firewise.php</a>

In addition to online materials provided, the Alaska Division of Forestry invites you to attend an open house in Fairbanks today, from 12:00-2:00 p.m., and an open house in Palmer on May 17, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Come have some fun, get an up-close view of fire engines and local firefighting operations, and talk with fire personnel about protecting your home, property and community. For more information about each event call:

Fairbanks Event- TODAY!

(907) 451-2629

Location: Fairbanks Area Forestry, 3700 Airport Way.

Palmer Event- Saturday

(907) 761-6338

Location: 101 Airport Road- junction of Old Glenn Hwy & Airport Rd.

## **AVIATION EVENT**

**Fairbanks, Aviation Appreciation Day-** Saturday, May 17 **(907) 479-6450** Location: Sadler Business Plaza/Alaska Aerofuel Facility

#### PRESCRIBED BURNS

#### CREAMERS FIELD:

The Alaska Division of Forestry completed a prescribed burn in Fairbanks at Creamers Field yesterday, on behalf of Creamers Field Management and the Department of Fish and Game.

ALASKA FIRE SERVICE MILITARY ZONE: Starting Saturday, May 17 and possibly extending into Sunday, May 18: Ft. Richardson Grazelka and Three Ranges: Donnelly Training Area: Oklahoma Range, Texas Range, and Bolio Lakes. Ft. Wainwright Small Arms Range postponed due to rain.

#### WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

Three new fires were reported Thursday to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center. One was started by military training exercises and the other two by powerlines. All of the fires are now out or contained.

# **BURN PERMITS**

Burn permits are issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry. To obtain burn permits and information, please contact your local Division of Forestry office:

Fairbanks Area:	907-451-2626
Delta Area:	907-895-2106
Tok Area:	907-883-5134
Mat-Su District:	907-761-6312
Kenai-Kodiak Area:	907-260-4269
Valdez/ Copper River Area:	907-822-5536
Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):	907-766-2120

For additional State of Alaska burn permit information, please visit: http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/burnpermits.htm

\*In Anchorage, please contact the Anchorage Fire Department's Wildfire Mitigation Office at 267-5020.

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#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/
  - o Map of Current Fires: <a href="http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php">http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php</a>
  - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
  - National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: <a href="http://firewise.org/">http://firewise.org/</a> and <a href="http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/02firewise.pdf">http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/02firewise.pdf</a>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov/

Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/

- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/fire/">http://www.fws.gov/fire/</a>
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov/

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